GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WATERWAYS FOR TOURISM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop new waterways for promotion of water tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also identified special tourist spots in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and

(e) the funds allocated and spent therefrom for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e): No waterway is exclusively developed for promotion of tourism. However, when a waterway is declared as a National Waterway, it is provided with necessary infrastructural facilities which help in the movement of inland vessels which can be used for cargo transportation as well as for passenger/tourist movement.